

Focus on Fifth

Weekly News for Holmes Fifth-Grade Families

News and Events in the 5th Grade

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Important Dates:

March 22 - Elementary Instrumental Music Festival

March 19 - Young Scientists Conference

News

The Elementary Instrumental Music Festival will be held at OPRF High School on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. This event features EVERY 4th & 5th grade student who is in band or orchestra, over 700 students!

Students will be bused to the high school on Monday, March 21 or Tuesday, March 22 for an hour long rehearsal. Please click the link below and fill out the permission slip to give your student permission to attend. The specific dates and times are included in the e-mail.

[Permission for Festival Rehearsals - CLICK HERE](#)

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO CLICK SUBMIT ON THE FINAL SCREEN!!!

We are looking for parents to ride the buses and assist with rehearsal supervision, and there is a space to mark that on the permission link.

If you have further questions, please contact your student's band or orchestra teacher directly.

Thank you!

Gabby Rosenblum - Beye BAND

Vince Greco - Holmes, Irving, Mann BAND

Sandra Korelc - Beye, Holmes, Longfellow, Whittier ORCHESTRA

Brian Shannon - Hatch, Whittier BAND

Ericka Shannon - Hatch, Irving, Lincoln, Mann ORCHESTRA

Amy Vogt - Lincoln, Longfellow BAND

Student Led Conferences

Conferences will be held this week. Within these conferences, you will be able to hear about your child's progress so far in fifth grade. Please make sure your child attends the conference with you!

D97 Young Scientists Conference!

Oak Park District 97 presents...The **2016 Young Scientists Conference!** It will return after a 3-year hiatus on Saturday, March 19, 9 AM - 10:30AM & 11AM -12:30PM at Horace Mann School. The Young Scientists Conference provides D97 students in grades K-8 an opportunity to interact with scientists in hands-on workshops. Workshops are led by

professionals in all fields of science. Many scientists also volunteer throughout the year in educational partnerships with D97 schools through Oak Park Education Foundation's Science Alliance Program. Students are assigned to one 90-minute workshop based on grade level. Students must register and are selected from homerooms by lottery to help assure that all schools and grades are represented. Participants will be notified by late February. Please register at <http://www.op97.org/ysc2016/>. Registration ends February 10. If you have any questions, please email youngscientists@op97.org.

Typing Practice

Students can log on to Typing Training from home to practice keyboarding skills. The Typing Training program is accessible from the District's website, and students should begin practicing keyboarding skills at home. The link is:
<http://www.op97.org/technology/Custom-Typing.cfm>

Specials- www.holmesspecials.blogspot.com

Art

We welcome Marc Stopeck, advertising sales rep and cartoonist for the Wednesday Journal, Monday morning. Mr. Stopeck will be presenting how to design an effective ad to kick off the annual Design-An-Ad contest. All painting projects will be put on hold as we design ads for local businesses the next few weeks.

~Ms. Jones (kjones@op97.org)

Music

We will be continue focusing on dance this week and review singing "Song for Winter" for our vocal assessments done in class next week. I will have a help session during lunch this week on Friday from 11:45-12:15. Students may work **recorder assessment** if they are behind. There is one more help session for all the assessments (singing, recorder, and composing), which will be Wednesday February 24th from 11:45-12:15. If you have any questions please email me at akaria@op97.org.

--Mrs. Karia

Chorus

We are now be practicing for our District Festival. If you didn't order a T-shirt in the fall and want one, please fill out the form at this link- [Chorus Shirt 2016](#).

Spanish

We have completed our IMovies on each of our interpretation of Juan el Bombero. Now we are making new stories!. To check for any further updates visit my [blog](#). Or email me at afavela@op97.org.

Library, Reading Olympics

The Holmes Reading Olympics competition is fast approaching! Our competition will be Wednesday, February 24th in the morning. The district competition is the following Monday, February 29th for the winning team of three. <http://www.op97.org/holmes/mediacenter/Reading-Olympics.cfm>

Library

Students have been working on science bibliographies. We've talked about the importance of documenting our sources, and keeping a running list of the sources used in research. Students should either create a new google doc or add to their science paper the sources they used for research. We used easybib.com (not the app!) last week to generate proper citations.

Don't forget to email me with any questions! mmaneck@op97.org

Physical Education

Happy New Year! Our Holmes students will kick this new year off with conditioning. That's right! After much holiday feasting, it's time to whip our future leaders back in shape! Also for the entire month of February, our p.e. district 97 gymnastics unit will be going on. Specific skills such as balance and coordination will be key targets for the students improve upon and/or master..

Reading/Literature

This week, we will continue our focus on informational texts within our ELA unit, "Taking a Stand." Students will be looking at the text *Promises to Keep*, about Jackie Robinson's story, to help us with our RI.5.6 Standard (Analyze multiple accounts of the same event or topic, noting important similarities and differences in the point of view they represent.) We will then be looking at other viewpoints surrounding segregation through the texts *Separate is Never Equal*, *Ruth and the Green Book*, and *Remember: The Journey to School Integration*.

Please make sure there is a parent or guardian checking, and initialing, students' reading logs each night!

Writing

Our writing time will be spent working on science fair research papers. Students have completed a graphic organizer and will begin drafting, by synthesizing information from multiple sources to answer questions about their topic.

Math

We will continue to work on finding a fraction of a whole number and students will be applying what they have learned to measurement word problems. We are also working on creating visual models, such as tape diagrams, and expressions for fraction multiplication. There is will a quiz on Friday covering what we have been learning these past two weeks. Students have been using their iPads to create video tutorials explaining different types of fraction problems. Ask your child to show you his/her tutorial.

Holmes School is one of over 1,100 schools in the Chicago area participating in the Khan Academy Learnstorm challenge. Participating 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students earn points for mastering math skills and also for persevering with difficult tasks. Last week, Holmes was ranked 157 on the Mastery leaderboard, and Julian M. in Ms. Cofsky's class made it to the public leaderboard. He was ranked 87th! Way to go, Julian!

Science

In science this week, the students will be continuing to set up our experiments for Science Fair and typing out their procedures on a Google Doc so that they can conduct these at home. Please make sure that your child is up to date with the deadlines!

Social Studies

This week we will launch the "Diary from the New World" assignment. Using notes from class, students will create a diary from the perspective of a colonist. Please check out our Fifth Grade Wiki for accompanying resources.

Word Study

There will be no word study this week due to the short week. We will resume with Unit 3 Lesson 13 next week.

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